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TAGS: PFOR, ZA, NI, MO, US

SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO FMG

REFS: (A) RABAT 2003; (B) LAGOS 4084

1. WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THERE MIGHT BE VIRTUE IN MOROCCAN INITIATIVE ALONG LINES PROPOSED IN REFTTEL B, SHOULD MOROCCANS BE WILLING, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD NOT WISH TO SUGGEST TO MOROCCANS MECHANICS OF HOW TO CARRY OUT SUCH A DEMARCHE. WE ARE CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT MOROCCANS NOT RPT NOT MIS-UNDERSTAND OUR MOTIVES IN SUGGESTING SUCH A MOVE ON THEIR PART.

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-- NOTE THAT NIGERIANS ARE SUSPICIOUS THAT WE WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR MOROCCAN TROOP INTERVENTION, THUS RAISING ISSUE OF NON-AFRICAN MAJOR POWER INTERVENTION BY PROXY IN AFRICA.

-- THIS SUSPICION HAS LED TO NIGERIAN QUESTIONING SINCERITY OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR THEIR MEDIATORY EFFORTS.

-- WE HAVE TOLD NIGERIANS THAT WE HOPED MOROCCAN TROOPS WOULD HELP STABILIZE SITUATION AND FACILITATE NIGERIAN DIPLOMATIC MEDIATORY EFFORTS, BUT IT CLEAR SUSPICIONS PERSIST.

-- WE ARE CONCERNED LEST NIGERIANS NOT PURSUE VIGOROUSLY THEIR EFFORTS TO BRING SPEEDY HALT TO FIGHTING.

-- YOU RECALL HASSAN'S COMMENTS ABOUT DANGERS OF PROLONGED FIGHTING (PARAS 7 AND 8, REFTEL B), WHICH HELPS UNDERSCORE IMPORTANCE OF THE NIGERIAN EFFORTS.

-- WHILE DECISION IS OF COURSE ONE FOR GOM TO MAKE, WE SUGGEST UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR MOROCCO TO CLARIFY FOR THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT:

- THAT THE DECISION TO SEND TROOPS WAS MADE BY MOROCCO ACTING ALONE AS AN AFRICAN COUNTRY FRIENDLY TO ZAIRE;

- THAT THE GOAL OF THE TROOPS IS TO STABILIZE THE SITUATION;

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